

Senate File 2273 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
2 last-dollar scholarship program, making appropriations, and
3 including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.131, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. (1) "*Eligible program*" means a program of study or
4 an academic major jointly approved by the commission and the
5 department of workforce development, in consultation with an
6 eligible institution, that leads to a credential aligned with a
7 high-demand job designated by the workforce development board
8 or a community college pursuant to section 84A.1B, subsection
9 14. If the board or a community college removes a high-demand
10 job from a list created under [section 84A.1B, subsection 14](#),
11 an eligible student who received a scholarship for a program
12 based on that high-demand job shall continue to receive the
13 scholarship until achieving a postsecondary credential, up to
14 an associate degree, as long as the student continues to meet
15 all other eligibility requirements.

16 (2) "*Eligible program*" includes a program of study or an
17 academic major related to criminal justice, law enforcement,
18 or police science. This subparagraph (2) is repealed July 1,
19 2026.

20 Sec. 2. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION — FY 2021-2022.
21 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
22 college student aid commission for the fiscal year beginning
23 July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, the following amount,
24 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
25 designated:

26 To supplement the appropriation made for deposit in the
27 future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship
28 fund established pursuant to section 261.131 in 2021 Iowa Acts,
29 chapter 170, section 2, subsection 9:
30 \$ 2,000,000

31 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
32 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

33 EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This bill relates to the future ready Iowa skilled workforce
2 last-dollar scholarship program.

3 The program covers the difference between the cost to
4 students of tuition and fees of certain specified eligible
5 programs and the federal and state grants and scholarships
6 available to the students. Current law defines an "eligible
7 program" as a program of study or an academic major jointly
8 approved by the college student aid commission and the
9 department of workforce development that leads to a credential
10 aligned with a high-demand job. The bill provides that
11 "eligible program" includes a program of study or an academic
12 major related to criminal justice, law enforcement, or police
13 science. This provision is repealed July 1, 2026.

14 The bill provides a supplemental appropriation from the
15 general fund of \$2 million for FY 2021-2022 to the college
16 student aid commission for deposit in the future ready Iowa
17 skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship fund, which supports
18 the program.

19 The bill takes effect upon enactment.